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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA ARE DEVELOPING

On 20-30th November, a delegation from the Central Committee of the TKP, headed by the General Secretary, Comrade İ. Bilen, went to Cuba for the purpose of holding talks with the Communist Party of Cuba. The text of the press communique which was published in relation with this visit is as follows:

"On the invitation of the Communist Party of Cuba, a delegation from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, which was headed by the General Secretary, Comrade İ. Bilen, and consisted of a comrade from the Political Bureau and another comrade from the Central Committee, stayed in Cuba between 20-30 November.

The General Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, had a fraternal meeting with the delegation from the Central Committee of the TKP, headed by Comrade İ. Bilen.

A delegation from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, headed by Comrade Guillermo Garcia Frias, Political Bureau member, and consisting of Comrade Raul Valdes Vivo, Head of the General Department of International Relations, held talks with the delegation of the fraternal Communist Party of Turkey.

Comrade Rafael Palanco Brahojos, Deputy Head of the General Department of International Relations, Comrades Javier Ardizoness and Denya Guzman, Sectional Head of the Department and Sectional member respectively, were also present at the talks.

During its stay in Cuba, the delegation of the Central Committee of the TKP also met Comrade Blas Roca Calderie, Political Bureau member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba. It met Comrade Jorge Valdes, Head of the Organisation Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba. At the headquarters of the Confederation of Cuban Trade Unions (CTC), it met Comrade Agapito Figueroa, 2nd secretary of the CTC. Comrade Maria Teresa Malmierca, Deputy Chairman of the Coordination Bureau of the Committees for Defence of the Revolution (CDR), explained the duties of this organisation. The delegation also visited the headquarters of the National Association of Small Peasants (ANAP). A meeting was held there with Comrade Juan Jose Leon, deputy chairman of the ANAP. In the province of Matanzas, Comrade Julian Rizo, member of the Central Committee and First Secretary of the Provincial Committee, gave the members of the delegation information on the activities in the province. The delegation visited places of historic, economic and social importance.

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Representatives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba highly valued the TKP's tireless struggle for the unity and fundamental rights of the working class, all working masses, democratic and progressive forces; a relentless struggle that the TKP has been waging under conditions of illegality for 55 years. They highly valued the TKP's devotion to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. The Communist Party of Cuba is in full solidarity with the struggle of the fraternal Communist Party of Turkey and is supporting the demand put forward by democratic and progressive forces for its legalisation.

The delegation from the CC of the TKP expressed the solidarity of the communists of Turkey with the first socialist revolution on the American continent, and with the heroic struggle the Cuban people have waged against all manner of attack for more than twenty years. It valued highly the determined internationalist policy of the Communist Party of Cuba and its government, a policy displayed in its highest form in Angola and Ethiopia. In addition, the delegation saluted the role played by Cuba in the movement of non-aligned countries, and wished this movement every success in its Sixth Summit Meeting.

Both parties emphasized that their countries and peoples resolutely support the development and consolidation of the process of detente which are to the benefit of peace and security in the world. They condemned the attempts of US imperialism and NATO's ruling circles, in cooperation with the present Peking leadership, to create tension, and sabotage the process of detente and peace.

The Communist Party of Cuba and the Communist Party of Turkey expressed their conviction that the persistent peace policy of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, the growing influence of the international workers' movement, and the national liberation wars are contributing to the development of world peace and detente.

Both parties declare their support and solidarity with the peoples and movements struggling against imperialism, neo-colonialism and apartheid, for democracy, national independence and social progress. They salute the young, independent states of Africa. They declare their solidarity with Vietnam in the face of the attacks of the present Peking leadership, attacks with the barbarous aim of sabotaging the Vietnamese people's national reconstruction in conditions of peace.

Both parties stressed their concern over the present situation in the Middle-East. They expressed their conviction that, without the recognition of the Palestinian people's legal rights — its right to establish an independent national state — without the ensurance of Israeli withdrawal from the lands it has occupied since 1967, a just and lasting peace in this region is impossible.

Both parties are of the opinion that a settlement which does not take into consideration the rights of the Palestinian people and the Arab people of the region, will not only obstruct the way for a real peace, but will also be used as a weapon in the hands of imperialism and reaction against the revolutionary, progressive forces of the Arab world.

Both parties are for a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem, and demand the withdrawal of the foreign troops from the island, the protection

of this country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

During the talks, both parties expressed total agreement on the subject of strengthening efforts to develop the international communist and workers' movement and to consolidate its unity.

The talks between the two parties, which laid the foundations for systematic and developing cooperation, took place in a fraternal atmosphere.

Continuing development of fraternal relations between the TKP and the Communist Party of Cuba on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism is to the benefit of the peoples of both countries, of the international communist movement, of peace, democracy and socialism.

Havana

4 December 1978

"IIth Festival Year".

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY.

Esteemed Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Hungarian Communist Party and sends militant fraternal greetings to the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, bearer of this militant revolutionary tradition.

The Hungarian Communist Party was founded under the direct influence of the Great October Socialist Revolution and in the flames of revolution. It defended with all its might the gains of the Hungarian revolution and the Hungarian Soviet Republic. For many years the Hungarian Communists waged a bitter struggle against the fascist Horthy regime, under conditions of illegality. When the Red Army smashed the fascist yoke, the Hungarian Communist Party realised the socialist revolution. The Hungarian Communist Party realised the socialist revolution. The Hungarian communists began the building of socialism in their country. Following the defeat of the attempt at counter-revolution by domestic and foreign reaction, the Hungarian people made rapid progress in building and developing socialism, under the leadership of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party. The HSWP takes the lead in the process of constructing a mature socialist society and increasing the people's well-being. The Socialist state of Hungary, closely bound to the country of Lenin, the Soviet Union, is making significant contributions to the strengthening of peace and socialism in the world.

Close ties exist between the communists of Turkey and Hungary, ties stretching back 60 years. The two parties, the Communists of the two countries, are bound by fraternal ties on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish you many new and great successes in your struggle to develop socialism and strengthen peace.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen

General Secretary, Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

24 November 1978

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of all Communists of Turkey, and of the working class and working people of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Greece with sincere, fervent feelings and sends militant revolutionary greetings.

The Communist Party of Greece, founded under the direct and mighty influence of the Great October Socialist Revolution, has traversed a long and difficult road of struggle for 60 years. It has given countless martyrs in its struggles against fascist oppression and bloody terror. In these struggles, the Communists of Greece did not concede an inch from the principles of Marxism-Leninism. They ruthlessly fought against all forms of opportunism, as well as against imperialism and reaction. The CPG, as the revolutionary vanguard of the working class, fought in the frontmost lines in the struggle of the Greek people for freedom. Today too, the one and only revolutionary force leading the struggle of the people and broad working masses of Greece against imperialism, NATO and reaction, for peace, security, national independence, democracy and socialism, the one and only force which unfalteringly pursues the road of establishing the unity of action of progressive democratic forces, is the Communist Party of Greece.

American imperialism, the leading circles of NATO, and the reactionary quarters in Turkey and Greece subservient to them, the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie, are trying to sow the seeds of enmity between our peoples. The unbreakable bonds of communist fraternity between our parties have become increasingly steeled in the joint struggle against these efforts, against chauvinism. Communists of all generations in our parties have defended and are defending this Leninist fraternity-in-arms as the apple of their eye. The TKP will fight with all its might to further strengthen these bonds of proletarian internationalism.

The Communist Party of Turkey is fighting against all manner of war-mongering. It will continue to struggle with all its might to strengthen peace and security in our region and in the Aegean, and to develop the friendship between our peoples.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey wishes the fraternal Communist Party of Greece, its battle-tested Central Committee, its Leninist leadership, many new and great successes on the revolutionary road of struggle, on this, the 60th anniversary of the CPG.

Long live the 60th year of struggle of the glorious Communist Party of Greece!

Long live Leninism!

İ. Bilen

General Secretary, Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

17 November 1978

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF NETHERLANDS

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of all communists of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets the 60th anniversary of the Communist Party of the Netherlands and sends militant fraternal greetings.

The Communist Party of the Netherlands has waged an active struggle for 60 years for the interests of the working class and working people of Holland. It fought valiantly against the fascist invaders. It organised and is organising the struggles of the working class and people against the mounting exploitation and pressures of the monopolies. The Communist Party of the Netherlands, together with the other peace-loving forces, is engaged in an intense activity against the arms race imposed by imperialism, against the neutron bomb and efforts to increase tension.

The Communist Party of Turkey is bound to the fraternal Communist Party of the Netherlands on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish you new and great successes in your struggle for peace, democracy and social progress.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen

General Secretary, Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

17 November 1978

UNITY OF ACTION INITIATIVE BY DISK AND 39 DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATIONS

The government and the RPP group

The rightward drift of the Ecevit government is accelerating. Having introduced new measures to the monopolies' advantage with the 4th five year plan, the government is also preparing to restrict democratic freedoms in the political field. It wants to make anti-democratic changes in the laws governing associations, meetings, demonstrations and marches. While Prime Minister Ecevit previously held that changes in legislation were unnecessary, he is now defending such changes. The RPP Minister for the Interior, Özyaydın, made an abrupt departure from the government's previous policy. He proposed an alliance with reactionary forces against the "danger of communism". The government's position, both in the economic and the political field, has elicited harsh reactions within the Republican People's Party (RPP). The RPP Parliamentary Group refused by a significant majority, to debate the 4th five-year plan which the right wing RPP leadership is trying to impose. Among RPP MPs, Hasan Yıldırım, Süleyman Genç, Haluk Ulman and certain other MPs denounced the government's anti-democratic changes in legislation. Hasan Yıldırım said, "These proposals reflect the desire to establish a police state". The majority of the group opposed attempts to turn the debate about the laws into a fait accompli.

The government – DİSK and the democratic forces

On the 19th of November, the DİSK Representatives Council met to discuss the question of unity of action against fascism and terror. The need to organise broader anti-fascist, anti-imperialist actions on an all-Turkey scale was stressed at the meeting. It was decided to engage in joint actions against the fascist terror. The following demands were made at the meeting of the DİSK Representatives Council: That articles 141 and 142 be repealed; that state institutions be purged of fascists and strict government action be taken to expose the fascist centres; withdrawal from the military organisations of imperialism such as NATO and CENTO; an end to anti-democratic practices. The reopening of the NATO bases by the Ecevit government, its capitulation to the impositions of the economic and financial organisations of imperialism, such as the IMF, and its irresolute attitude in the face of the fascist attacks were condemned.

In accordance with the decision reached at the meeting of the DİSK representatives Council, 39 democratic organisations met in Ankara on the 26th of November in response to DİSK's appeal. Meeting under the slogan of an "Anti-fascist, anti-imperialist, democratic platform", the democratic organisations announced that they would establish unity of action and forces in the struggle against fascism. They sent a letter to Prime Minister Ecevit severely denouncing the government's attempts to impose anti-democratic changes in legalisation and demanding that the fascist centres be confronted, the NAP and its allied organisations be dissolved and the guilty be brought to trial.

The initiative on the part of DİSK and democratic organisations to forge unity of action against fascism and terror created panic in the monopoly holding bourgeoisie. The president of the Employers Confederation of Turkey (TİSK), Halit Narin, demanded that the government enact laws preventing such activities by professional organisations.

The joint meeting by DİSK and other democratic organisations is a significant step towards securing the front and unity of action of national democratic forces. The TKP supports such steps with all its might. The Communists are for participation by the broadest masses at base-level in the anti-fascist front, for unity in the front and unity in action to be based on the democratic mass movement and the base organisations. The Communists are proposing that differences of opinion be left aside in favour of massive, organised actions against fascism and imperialism.

PROSECUTION OF ÜRÜN AND SOLIDARITY

Ahmet Taştan, managing editor of "Ürün" publishing house, and editor of the journal "Ürün", has once again been tried, at the İstanbul 5th Criminal Court. This particular prosecution against Taştan was brought because of the following articles that appeared in the 43rd issue of "Ürün": Statement of the Political Bureau of the TKP Central Committee; message to Mikhail Suslov, member of the Politbureau of the CPSU; speech on the 60th anniversary of the October Revolution; and an article exposing the true face of the Maoists.

The prosecution is demanding an 8-year prison sentence for Taştan under fascist article 142. In addition, the 53rd issue of the journal "Ürün" has been confiscated for carrying the open letter from Comrade İ. Bilen, General Secretary of the TKP CC, to the Prime Minister.

TKP trial to take place on 28 December

As is known, Taştan was tried on the 17th of October at the İstanbul 2nd Criminal Court for legally publishing the Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey. The hearing was adjourned until the 28th of December. A broad campaign on a national and international scale was launched by progressive, democratic forces, notable lawyers, scientists and men of letters.

SOLIDARITY

In Britain

The progressive public opinion in Turkey, the fraternal communist and workers' parties and other democratic, anti-imperialist organisations are declaring their solidarity with "Ürün" and its publishers. The Communist Party of Great Britain (CPGB), held a meeting of solidarity with Ahmet Taştan, jointly with the progressive organisations of workers and students from Turkey living in Britain and other democratic organisations. The meeting condemned anti-democratic practices in Turkey, the persecution of the democratic press and the fascist attacks and demanded recognition of the right of the TKP to function legally. Progressive lawyer John Bowden, in an article in the CPGB Central Committee organ "Morning Star", states that the trial of Taştan is actually the trial of "Ürün" publications and the ideas contained in the TKP Programme. He says, "At this trial, fascist articles 141 and 142 went on trial. "The progressive British lawyer condemns the pressures on the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD) and other progressive, patriotic organisations, and the closing down of the İGD İzmir branch. He emphasizes that the continuing ban on the TKP only gives heart to the fascists.

In the Federal Republic of Germany

"Unsere Zeit", organ of the Central Committee of the German Communist Party, carried an article in its addition of 21 November entitled, "The communists of Turkey have been struggling for 59 years under fascist terror and barbaric persecutions". The article stated that the progressive forces of Turkey are being tried under articles 141 and 142 derived from Mussolini's fascist Italy, that pressures against the progressive press and organisations are increasing, the latest examples of which is afforded by the trial of Ahmet Taştan. It stressed that the German Communist Party is in complete solidarity with the TKP and progressive, democratic forces of Turkey.

In the German Democratic Republic

"Nues Deutschland", organ of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, reported in its addition of 29 November the statement by independent senator Nurettin Yılmaz demanding the lifting of the ban on the TKP, and stating that the continuation of this ban contravenes the principles of the Republic of Turkey founded by Atatürk.

In its 47th issue, the journal "Horizont", published in Berlin, gave wide coverage to the trial of Ahmet Taştan and the protest actions against this anti-democratic act, to the worldwide solidarity with the progressive, democratic forces in Turkey, and in particular, to the struggle of the TKP and its activity towards unity of action and forces in the anti-fascist struggle.

FASCIST AND MAOIST ATTACKS

Taking advantage of the fact that the government is not taking strict actions against them, the fascist commandos and Maoist fascists continue to stage attacks and provocations throughout the country.

Fascist attacks

Ali İhsan Özgür, one of the editors of the newspaper "Politika", who disappeared suddenly, was found dead on the training pitch of Fenerbahçe Football Club. It was announced that Ali İhsan Özgür had been severely tortured. Kenan Öztürk, a member of the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), the Association of Technical Staff, and the Chamber of Constructional Engineers, was murdered by fascists in Kartal. This fresh murder by fascist commandos led to widespread reaction in the country. In a joint statement, the İGD, the İstanbul Chamber of Architects, the Progressive Women's Organisation (İKD), the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP) Kartal branch, the 4th Regional Headquarters of the Metalworkers' Union (Maden-İş), and 16 democratic organisations declared that the only force capable of rolling back fascism is massive, organised action. Kenan Öztürk's funeral turned into a mass action against fascism. His widow said, "Let us wage the struggle against fascism in an organised manner, let us unite in the National Democratic Front. The time has come to act".

On 20-21 November, two more youths were killed in fascist attacks in Ankara and İstanbul. Student Hüseyin Sarbalkanlı, who had participated in the May Day demonstration, was beaten to death by fascists in Bursa. Necdet Bulut, a teacher at the Karadeniz Technical University, his wife and son, were wounded in a fascist attack. Necdet Bulut's wife is the treasurer of the TİP Trabzon branch. The RPP branch offices in the Bağlar district of Bursa were strafed by gunfire. In the Bayrampaşa district of İstanbul, Ahmet Taşdelen was killed when fascists opened fire on a group of people. A citizen named Mehmet Arar was killed in Ergani. Two high school students fell victim to Maoist and fascist attacks in the Küçükçekmece district of İstanbul and in Adana.

Maoist attacks

In Ankara, Maoist fascists belonging to the Workers' and Peasants' Party of Turkey (TİKP) murdered İGD member Ercan Turgutlu in Necatibey Avenue. This murder by Maoist fascists was confirmed in a joint statement by 12 democratic organisations. As is known, members of the pro-Peking party had murdered Dev-Genç (Revolutionary Youth) member İpçioğlu some time ago. Other Maoist groups murdered İGD member Önder Alkan in Düzce. The president of the İGD İzmir branch, Tarık Demirkan, was paralysed as the result of an armed attack by Maoists. Maoists and fascist commandos wounded İGD General Executive Council member İsfandar Eyüpoğlu, and the presidents of the İGD Ordu, Edirne, Beykoz and Adana branches.

Government pressure

Police attacked progressives demonstrating in Merter against the murder of İGD member Kenan Öztürk by fascists. They detained 118 demonstrators. Those detained, including a reporter of the newspaper "Politika", Nurettin Saydan, were beaten up at police headquarters. The detainees began a hunger strike to protest this barbarity by the police and the government's pressures. Two hunger strikers went into a coma. Police attacked participants in a march organised by the İKD under the slogan "Mothers, sisters, to the struggle against fascism", wounding a steward.

Pressures against the İGD

Pressures against the İGD, a member of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, intensified yet further. The İGD Siirt, Zonguldak and Edirne branches were set on fire. Its Kadıköy branch was bombed by fascists. 21 İGD branches have been closed down since it was founded. Nearly 50 İGD members have been killed in fascist and Maoist attacks. The number of arrested and detained İGD executive members exceeds 350. The statutes adopted by the First Congress have yet to be officially ratified.

The latest toll of the fascist attacks

Justice Party leader Demirel, whose party acts as protector to the source of the fascist attacks, the NAP, is taking advantage of the fascist terror to attack the government. In his latest statement, Demirel said that 11 people died on November 11th alone and that the death toll for 10,5 months is 922 persons.

TURKISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Economic cooperation between Turkey and the Soviet Union has

entered a new phase. Some time ago, an "Economic and Technical Cooperation" agreement was concluded between Turkey and the Soviet Union. The section dealing with trade relations between the two countries was signed on 28 November. This agreement is aimed at developing good neighbourly relations and friendly cooperation on the basis of equality of rights and the mutual interests of the two countries.

The new agreement proves once more that if possible for neighbouring countries with different social, political and economic systems to develop many-sided relations, friendly cooperation and good-neighbourly relations on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence. This agreement is a new and concrete example of friendship and good-neighbourliness. The agreement foresees an increase in the volume of trade between the two countries to one billion 270 million dollars within a period of three years. By means of this mutually advantageous agreement, Turkey's foreign trade difficulties, the continually increasing balance of trade deficit will be greatly reduced. Millions will be saved in foreign currency through the 3 billion tons of petrol which the Soviet Union will provide our country with annually.

The second section of the Turkish-Soviet economic and technical cooperation agreement consists of a number of economic and technical projects totalling 12 billion dollars. Through the material and technical aid of the Soviet Union, production at the İskenderun Iron and Steel Works will increase to 7 million tons, and annual alumin production at the Seydişehir Aluminium complex will increase from 200 to 400 tons, while aluminium production will increase from 60 to 120 tons. In addition, apart from the projected atomic plant at Mersin Akkuyu, the Soviet Union will build a new atomic plant on the Black Sea coast. The building of the Karababa dam on the Euphrates will also be realised.

In 1979, one billion kilowatt-hours of energy will be obtained annually through Hopa — Batum.

The Soviet Union's assistance at the same time contributes to the struggle to repulse imperialist pressures and strengthen our national independence. Our people, the progressive forces, the Communists of Turkey welcome the new developments in Turkish-Soviet economic cooperation and demand that they be further strengthened.

